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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF TEN BLUEPRINT FOR SOWETO SELF-RULE

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1. THE COMMITTEE OF TEN BLUEPRINT FOR SOWETO (REFTEL)
PROPOSED THE CREATION OF AN AUTONOMOUS CITY GOVERNED BY A COUNCIL
OF 50 ELECTED MEMBERS. THE BLUEPRINT ENVISAGES SPENDING
FIVE BILLION RAND OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD TO CREATE A MODERN
CITY FOR BLACKS. BRIEF SUMMARY OF BLUEPRINT FOLLOWS.

2. THE COUNCIL WOULD BE A POLICY MAKING BODY WHICH WOULD
AUTHORIZE A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO APPOINT VARIOUS OFFICIALS.
MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WOULD BE ADULTS OVER 25 YEARS WHO
HAD LIVED IN SOWETO FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS. ANY BLACK OVER
THE AGE OF 18 IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

3. THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE POWER TO:
(1) PASS LEGISLATION BY ENACTING ORDINANCES OR BY-LAWS
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(2) BUDGET
(3) APPROVE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS
(4) DELEGATE POWERS TO A TOWN CLERK AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS.

4. THERE WOULD BE A MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR, APPOINTED
INITIALLY BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE BUT THEREAFTER ELECTED
ANNUALLY. CITY REVENUE WOULD COME FROM RATES AND TAXES, FINES,

FEES, AND DUTIES, AND CHARGES FOR THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY. THE CITY WOULD ALSO HAVE BORROWING POWERS. A SPECIAL DEPARTMENT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WOULD DEAL WITH HOME OWNERSHIP AND FREEHOLD TENURE.

5. A FEASIBILITY STUDY WOULD BE CONDUCTED OVER SIX MONTHS TO PRODUCE A DOSSIER ON SOWETO'S NEEDS. THE BULK OF FUNDS WOULD BE SUPPLIED BY THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AS "THE PEOPLE OF SOWETO ARE THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT" BUT OTHER POSSIBLE SOURCES WOULD INCLUDE THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND, AND GOVERNMENTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

6. CONGEN POUCHING FULL DRAFT OF COMMITTEE OF TEN PROPOSALS. JOHNSON

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